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Remarks

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-70, 72-79 and 81-91 are pending in the application. Claims 1-70, 72-79 and 81-

91 are subject to a restriction requirement.

II. Restriction Requirement

The November 19, 2007 Office Action has alleged that pending claims 1-70, 72-79 and

'81-91 contain two distinct inventions, and has defined two groups of claims drawn to the two

respective inventions. The Office Action has further required an election of one of the two

defined groups.

In response, the applicants elect Group II (claims 19-26, 52-59, 79, and 88-90) for

examination purposes.

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